

Remarks

Claims 46 and 48 have been canceled. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Claims Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 112

The Final Office Action rejects claim 12 under 35. U.S.C. 112 as depending to a canceled claim 11. As suggested by the Final Office Action, Applicant has changed the dependency of claim 12 as depending to claim 1. Withdrawal of the present objection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 1-4, 10, 12, 27, 39, 40 and 42-44 are allowable.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC 102

The Final Official Action rejected claims 46 and 48 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Hashemi (US Pat. Pub. No. 2002/0184556).). Applicants have canceled claims 46 and 48. Withdrawal of the present rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action. Applicant submits that all remaining claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is requested, and allowance of all remaining claims is earnestly solicited.

Should it be determined that an additional fee is due under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17, or any excess fee has been received, please charge that fee or credit the amount of overcharge to deposit account #02-2666. If the Examiner believes that there are any informalities which can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned at (503) 439-8778 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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